

ROBERTS'S WIFE NO. 3 ADMITS SHE IS A PLURAL.

Dr. Wishard Will Tell the Taylor Committee of the Confessions Made to Him by Maggie Shipp.

She Acknowledges She Is Living in Polygamy, but Says It Is Forced on Mormon Women by the Church.

They Are Made to Believe That Their Hope of Salvation Lies in the Acceptance of Plural Marriage.

DR. ILIFF THANKS THE JOURNAL FOR ITS CRUSADE.

Washington, Dec. 16, 1899. To W. R. Hearst, Editor of the New York Journal.

Dear Sir: I find it in my heart to send you this note of greeting and of gratitude. Your paper has put up a noble fight against that awful prostitution of the sacredness of the American Christian home, polygamy.

That the Journal received the aid of thousands of men and women whose names are passports to public confidence in the fight it has made, is a sure sign of that awakening of the people to the evils of a doctrine which means ruin to a civilized community.

The offense against womanhood and against the community which Mr. Roberts stands for can never gain a foothold while there is a fearless press and pulpit to sound the alarm to a people who are only too apt to slumber until the enemy is at the very door before they awake to do battle.

Again thanking you, I remain, with respect,
THOMAS CORWIN ILIFF,
Superintendent Utah Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church.

MRS. ASTOR CEDES HER SOCIAL REIGN.



Mrs. Astor, Who Will No Longer Lead Society.

A Peaceful Abdication in Favor of Her Daughter-in-Law, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Who Will Now Not Go Abroad.

Mrs. Astor has abdicated. The fashionable society that she governed is a little sceptical, a little bewildered. "It is impossible," they say. "She has even now, whenever she wishes, the imperial air of her portrait painted by Carolus Duran."

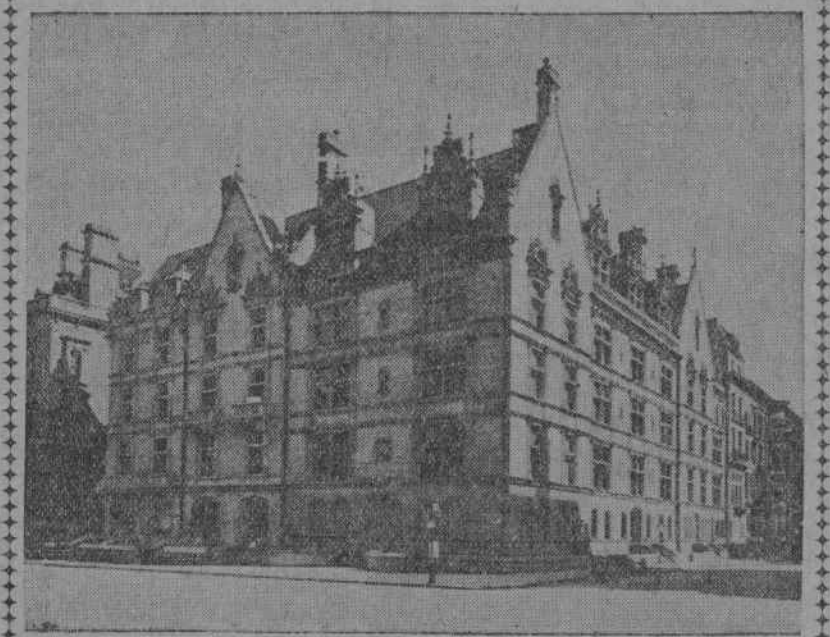
Mrs. Astor was the sovereign of exquisite festivals for a quarter of a century. She was Miss Caroline W. Schermerhorn when her ideas of manners began to impress themselves as impeccable orders. She had pride of parentage, learning and grace.

To be happy she had to be the inspirer, the guide and the expression of the city's delicacy in sumptuousness. Her temperance is not altered. She is youthful, alert, ambitious still. The affability and the tact that made her avoid insurrections in her

was ill. They spoke of her return from Europe in July, but had effect on her health of the enervating atmosphere of Newport, her voyage back to Europe in September, her return here last month, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse with her daughter, Mrs. Ogilvie Haig. They said: "She is ill; that is the reason she was not at the ball."

Mrs. Astor was not ill. She was in her landau in the morning on the West Drive of the Park, bowing cordially to her acquaintances; at noon in the afternoon, radiant in her drawing room in the evening, near the screen made of antique tapestry on which a visitor planned another beautiful miniature by Isabeau. It is the portrait of Mlle. de Pesenaz, with whom Lauzun danced and for whom the Abbe Ducloux wrote an idyl.

Denies That She Is Ill. Mrs. Astor said in reply to a question,



Mrs. Astor's Home on Fifth Avenue.

domination at moments when they would have been irrepressible have not abandoned her. She is still admired, and her subjects have not expressed a wish that she might quit them. But she has abdicated, nevertheless.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor to Succeed. Her daughter-in-law is her successor. Mrs. John Jacob Astor has beauty, a great deal of tact, pride of ancestry, learning. She is an adept at the games in the open air that were not of Mrs. Astor's youth.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor plays golf splendidly. In Philadelphia, when she was Miss Ava Willing, her record as an expert pistol shot was amazing. She is deliberate and captivating. At the Assembly Ball on Thursday evening Mrs. John Jacob Astor was in the place. She had been Mrs. Astor's since the time when the Peltons resigned the sceptre that the Mason Jones family had lost.

Mrs. Astor, her enthusiastic friends said, dominion at moments when they would have been irrepressible have not abandoned her.

DR. PESTANA SUCCUMBS TO THE BLACK PEST. Disease Contracted by Using His Nails Instead of Medical Instruments.

2186 Lisbon, Dec. 16.—Dr. Pestana has died of plague contracted during his investigation of the disease at Oporto.

Another doctor noticed, when Dr. Pestana was dissecting the body of a victim of the plague at Oporto, that he used his nails instead of instruments. It is believed that he contracted the disease in this way. Only a quarter of an hour before he died, and while yet delirious, Dr. Pestana said: "The plague is a disease which is not understood by the doctors of to-day. They know no more about it now than in olden times."

The Journal First. The Journal printed 5,720 Employment "Want" Ads. last week—2,894 more than any other newspaper.

FRANCE'S NEW CRUISER GIVES SATISFACTION.

She Develops a Speed of 23 1-3 Knots an Hour for Three Hours.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Great satisfaction is felt in French naval circles at the result of the speed trials of the Guichen, a new cruiser of 8,500 tons. For three hours on the trial ground off the Ile d'Hyeres the Guichen maintained a speed of 23 1-3 knots, the horse-power developed was 25,400, but the machinery worked with absolute smoothness; there was no exaggerated trepidation, and the boilers stood the ordeal perfectly. The consumption of coal, too, was nearly 20 per cent less than the engineers had anticipated. The Guichen was built by a private firm of constructors.

The Main Thing. "See here, my child, what do you know about this young man?"

"I know the only thing I care to know." "And what's that?"

"That he is unmarried."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LUCANIA IS KRIS KRINGLE'S SHIP.

Sails With Christmas Gifts Worth Fortunes.

BIG PASSENGER LIST.

News from South Africa Saddens Many Home-Going Englishmen.

Flags and bunting decked the Cunarder Lucania when she cast off her shore lines yesterday and started for Liverpool. She is the Christmas ship this year, for she is the last liner to leave these shores and reach her destination before Christmas Day.

And the passengers bore testimony that they fully appreciated that fact. There were in all 665, including 240 in the saloon and 175 in the second cabin. The cabin voyagers were mostly Englishmen and their wives, returning home from all parts of the world. The Craig family of twelve was represented by five married couples and two children, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Craig.

Man servants and maid servants and special stewards were toiled up the gangplank for an hour before sailing time, their arms full of Christmas gifts, which they carried to the staterooms of their employers, there to be assorted and addressed.

The outgoing voyagers carried away hundreds of gifts from their friends here, who had to act ahead of time or not at all. The staterooms were filled with gifts, the saloon tables held more gifts and the trunks of the travellers were filled.

In the cargo, too, and in the mail Kris Kringle had claimed a place for many of the evidences of his good will. The Lucania carried 1,000 bags of mail and one of the postal clerks who marked the supplementary list of letters remarked with a sigh, that he would willingly take the contents of the perfumed envelopes for two years' salary.

Well he might, for the post office returns show that the Lucania took away \$37,839.75 in money orders alone, while the amount that was sent in the shape of checks and drafts is left to the imagination. The money orders numbered 35,805. But the letters did not contain all the wealth that this Christmas ship carried, for she had on board \$1,700,000 in gold coin shipped by local banking firms, and while the shipment was a strictly business affair, it is likely that some of that gold will help to buy Christmas presents in London.

Themed with the Christmas joy of the returning Englishmen and their families was a feeling of sadness over the reverses in South Africa, and the talk of Yule tide was interrupted with regrets at the saddened homes that are scattered throughout Great Britain.

Some of the cabin voyagers were Major and Mrs. James R. D. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. J. McTear, Claude Anson, Sir Charles Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers, of Bermuda, and Winthrop Rutherford.

CANNIBALS AMONG SIBERIAN CONVICTS

Russian Traveller Creates a Sensation by Printing Details.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Russian traveller B. Doroshvitch has created a sensation by publishing details showing that the horrible practice of cannibalism is systematically carried on in Eastern Siberia, especially among the convicts sent by land to the island of Sakhalin.

Doroshvitch describes the treatment to which a party of convicts were subjected by one of themselves, a certain Khanoff, who was promoted to the post of overseer of the works in connection with the cutting of the so-called "Onor Road."

The convicts, being overworked and literally left without any food, ran away in numbers, the stronger killing their weaker comrades and eating them. The "Onor road," soon became famous, and even glorified in poems composed by convicts, and circulated in secret form. The following is a specimen:

On the road from Timmen Gese were our repast; Big on him to the Man's flesh broke our fast.

A certain Kolesoff became particularly fond of human flesh, and when arrested he openly said: "It is good, tasteful flesh, better than any animal's."

ENGLISH COURT MULOOTS CHAMPION ROBERTS.

Declares Billiard Balls in Bulk Unnecessary for the Support of John Roberts, Bankrupt.

By a recent decision in the Court of Appeals the possession of \$400 worth of billiard balls has been deemed unnecessary for the support and maintenance of John Roberts, the champion billiard player, who was declared a bankrupt in May, 1898. The same have been turned over to his trustee.

The property in question Roberts acquired during the October following the date of his going into bankruptcy, under an agreement entered into with the Benzoline Manufacturing Company, limited, by which they contracted to supply him with 2,000 benzoline balls a year for a period of five years. In return Roberts agreed during that period to only use balls manufactured by that company in public exhibitions.

The counsel for the bankrupt based their argument upon the fact that the balls were personal earnings and as such were exempt. The Master of the Rolls in pronouncing his judgment said, though a trustee could not maintain an action for money earned by a bankrupt, it is such money as is required for his support and maintenance, in the present case the property was not a necessity for the bankrupt's support, as he could support himself without it.

The Court's Conclusion. The prisoner was before the police judge on a charge of excessive and undue imbrication, or words that that effect.

"I believe," remarked His Honor, "that you are here for being under the influence of liquor. Are you guilty or not guilty?" "I don't know what the charge is, Your Honor," responded the prisoner, "but I was not drunk."

"I was not aware of that, Your Honor," "I presume not. The officer says you were not aware of anything."

"Possibly," Your Honor, "I am not accustomed to the use of liquor as a beverage, Your Honor."

"I presume," said His Honor, sarcastically, "that you do not drink."

"Not as a rule, Your Honor."

"Ah," said His Honor, smiling, "merely as an exception, then, that proves the rule. Ten dollars and costs. Call the next."—Detroit Free Press.

MOBILIST CALLS CLAUSEN A DESPOT.

Isaac Rice Expects to Bow to the Official's Hat.

HIS PERMIT REVOKED.

Had an "Auto" Coach in the Park—Police Say the Vehicles Frighten Horses.

An open letter, somewhat sharp in its terms, was sent to Park Commissioner Clausen yesterday by Isaac L. Rice, of No. 400 West End avenue, whose permit to enter Central Park with an automobile was revoked on December 15. The reason given for the revocation was that Mr. Rice had taken an automobile coach into the park instead of an open pleasure vehicle of the type intended to be used during the present experimental period.

The letter of Mr. Rice to Commissioner Clausen is, in part, as follows:

I have hitherto respected your position in relation to the entrance of automobiles into the Park, as it was ostensibly based on your fear that they might frighten horses and thereby endanger the safety of the public. This fear proved groundless in my case, as I and my family entered the Park three times, under the permit granted by you, without attracting the slightest attention of a single horse.

To-day, however, I find that your ostensible reason for objecting to automobiles is only a secondary consideration. It is not as the protector of the public, but as arbiter elegantiarum that you object to my carriage.

Some Essentials. In order to find favor in your eyes, apparently, it is essential that the driver should wear no uniform, that he should prove and identify himself as the owner of the carriage; that the carriage should not be old-fashioned, (sic); that it shall be of the open type, so as to afford no protection against the inclemency of the weather, etc.

In other words, your position is not that of a public servant acting in the public interests, but that of a despot. If your authority as Park Commissioner allows a private citizen to place your hat in some conspicuous place and permit no one to enter the Park who will not bow to it.

Captain England, of the Central Park police station, said yesterday afternoon that Commissioner Clausen positively directed yesterday that the police allow no automobile cab, coach or brougham to enter the Park, but that only open pleasure automobiles, operated by electricity, should be permitted inside of the limits.

New permits are at once to be sent to the few to whom automobile permits have been granted, and these new permits will direct that an experienced motorman must be in charge and that the type of open pleasure automobile must be stated in the permit.

Horses Shy at "Antons." "The reason is twofold," said Captain England. "In the first place, horses in the Park are more frightened by the big, lumbering automobiles than by the little, open ones. Horses that would not be frightened in a street, where there are 'L' tracks and street cars and a general rattle, are frightened by the appearance of an automobile on a quiet Park road, where it is like the country."

"I have seen a number of horses shy at them already, though there has been no runaway, and there are three of the mounted police who have to dismount when an automobile approaches."

"Another reason for restricting the permits to the open type in these experimental days is that President Clausen does not want to risk the Park being tiled with automobiles till the question is settled by experience."

President Clausen could not be found yesterday afternoon.

COULD TRY THEM ALL.

A Drug Clerk's Experience. The following letter from Mr. H. B. Stark, 1022 Pine st., Scranton, Pa., explains itself and will be of interest to thousands who have suffered the tortures of that common trouble, hemorrhoids or piles.

Mr. Stark says: "I feel it my duty to write an unsolicited testimonial regarding the Pyramid Pile Cure. Since a boy I have suffered untold agony from piles. I have tried all available remedies, consulted many physicians, but without help or even relief. I have been employed as a drug clerk for the past fifteen years, consequently have been in a position where I could try all of the new and old remedies for piles, but as before stated to no avail."

About six weeks ago I was again suffering from my old trouble, and as an experiment tried the Pyramid Pile Cure, and let me say that it gave instant relief, and I am now wholly cured. I am sure also that the cure is permanent."

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STATE SCHOOL BOARD FOR JERSEY Will Be Organized in Trenton on Next Tuesday.

More than 3,500 members of the school boards throughout New Jersey will be represented at the meeting to be held in the Assembly Chamber in the State House in Trenton on next Tuesday morning to organize a State School Board Association.

The movement was started by County Superintendent H. Brewster Willis, of Middlesex County, and is endorsed by the State Superintendent, C. J. Baxter; President of the State Board of Education, James L. Hays, and the Governor, Foster M. Voorhees.

The idea had its origin about ten years ago, when twelve men met in New Brunswick, where Mr. Willis unfolded his plans, and the District Clerks' Association was formed.

The object of this association was to better qualify school board men for their responsible duties. The movement grew until the Middlesex County School Board Association was formed. The work of this association spread throughout the State, and others of the counties began to adopt similar plans. County Superintendent Willis visited every county in the State and succeeded in forming like organizations, until now there are sixteen of them.

The meeting on Tuesday will be addressed by Governor Voorhees, State Superintendent Baxter and State President Hays.

The object of the association is to qualify the importance of the office of school trustee, educate the members of the Board to properly fill their positions and advocate needed legislation for the schools.

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